

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0306

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Shirley C. Scott Southeast Houghton Area Recharge Project (SHARP) Expansion project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tucson - Tucson Water Department, located at 310 W. Alameda Street, Tucson, AZ 85726-7210.

The funding would be used to add a fourth basin to a constructed recycle water recharge project located in southeast Tucson. This will expand recharge capacity to 8,000 acre- feet per year further increasing its beneficial use as a renewable resource. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because SHARP provides sustainability and reliability of water resources in an area of the Tucson Basin where groundwater levels are declining, and the population is growing. Recharging water at SHARP replenishes the aquifer instead of the recycled water leaving the Tucson Basin through discharge to the Santa Cruz River, where it is subsequently removed from the local water cycle.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

  
Juan Ciscomani  
Member of Congress